

REMARKS

The claims have been amended by rewriting claims 21 and 22. Claims 1-23 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Bolie of record.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to further define the filter element as an exponential transmission line filter element. No new matter has been added. Support for this amendment is found in the other allowed independent claims as well as throughout the specification including page 7, lines 15-18 and page 11, line 14 and FIGs. 2 and 8. The Bolie patent utilizes discrete components and indeed requires the use of discrete components in order to operate. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 21 and 22 under § 102(b) is overcome. Claim 23 provides a further limitation to an allowable claim and hence is also in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims:

Claims 1-20 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-20.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

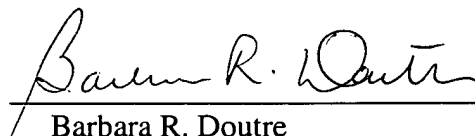
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